

PART 7 GENERAL PROVISIONS

7.1 Plan Amendments

- a) CNMI may, on its own initiative, request plan changes at any time, as long as the provisions of Title 19 Section 1902(j) and the Secretary's waiver are complied with.
- b) Changes to this operational plan which are not consistent with the Secretary's waiver shall be submitted to the Secretary of DHHS as a modification to the waiver, rather than as a state plan amendment.
- c) This document constitutes the total plan for the operation of the Medicaid program in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any Federal requirements applicable to the operation of Title XIX of the Social Security Act in other jurisdictions are not applicable to the plan unless they are specifically included.

7.2 Nondiscrimination

The Medicaid Agency assures that no individual shall be subjected to discrimination under this plan on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, religion or handicap.

Attachment 7.2-A describes methods of administration the agency uses in assuring compliance with the Title VI regulations.

7.3 Commonwealth Governor's Review

The Medicaid Agency will provide the Office of the Governor with the opportunity to review amendments, any new state plan and subsequent amendments, and long-range program planning projections or other periodic reports thereon. Any comments made will be transmitted to the Health Care Financing Administration with such documents.

7.4 Drug-Free Workplace Certification

The Medicaid Agency certifies that it will maintain a drug-free workplace as a condition for federal grant application. Attachment 7.4-A describes the methods of how it plans to provide a drug-free workplace.